

The friends of temperance and harmony will be pleased to learn that there will be a Concert for the Benefit of the Maine Law Division of this city, on Wednesday evening, the 28th instant, at Smith & Nixon's Hall. This is a new Division, and is making an effort to procure means to enable them to lease a Hall. We hope the generosity of our citizens will be manifest on this occasion.

Rev. Wm. Young, G. S. of Kentucky, gave us a friendly call last week. He is in blooming health, and fine spirits; says Kentucky is certainly coming into the Maine Law ranks, and intends to lead her sister States, Ohio and Indiana.

Brother Warren Jenkins, of Columbus, was also in our city, and called upon us. He is very desirous that efforts should be made by the friends in Ohio to liquidate the debt that now hangs so heavily upon the State Executive Committee. This is a matter of the greatest moment to the cause.

The meeting at the Wesleyan Chapel, on Tuesday evening last, was addressed by Rev. James Priestley, Rev. Dudley A. Ting, and Gen. Cary. Great interest and zeal was expressed by each speaker for the cause, he advocated.

A friend writes us from Pittsburgh: "We will give a Michigan majority for a Maine law in Pennsylvania if our Legislature will give us a chance." We believe it.

How to do up SHIRT BOSOMS.—We have often heard ladies expressing a desire to know by what process the fine gloss observable on new linens, shirt-bosoms, &c., is produced, and in order to gratify them, we subjoin the following receipt for making gum arabic starch:

Take two ounces of fine white gum arabic powder—put it into a pitcher, and pour on it a pint of boiling water, (according to the degree of strength you desire,) and then having covered it, let it stand all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the pitcher into a clean bottle, cork it, and keep it for use. A tablespoonful of gum water, stirred into a pint of starch that has been made in the usual manner, will give to lawns (either white or printed) a look of newness, when nothing else can restore them after washing. It is also good (much diluted) for thin white muslin and bobinet.

INCREASE OF CONVICTS IN THE OHIO PENITENTIARY.—The Columbus 'Fact' says there are now confined within the walls of this prison a greater number of convicts than at any previous period of its history. The whole number was Five Hundred and Twenty-Four. Nine convicts arrived Tuesday from Cuyahoga, seven from Lorain and four from the county of Erie. Wednesday three additional more were received, thus swelling the unfortunate, fearful and appalling list to the grand total of 524. Crime appears to be steadily on the increase, in proportion to the population of the State. All the efforts that have thus far been exerted in our State for the last twenty-five years, seem to have been only at best to have restrained and confined it to its natural growth. No progress seems to have been made in checking it.

EXTENSIVE GARMENT.—The Journal of Commerce states that a Russian gentleman, residing in New York, had occasion, not long since, to bring to this country his overcoat, which was lined with sable, agreeable to Russian costume, and the duty assessed on it amounted to \$700—the garment having been appraised at something like \$3,000.

News Items.

YANKEE CLOCKS.—These measures of time, multiplied like the leaves of the forest, regulate the movements of individuals in all parts of the world. A recent traveler encountered them in the mountains of Asia; and but a few days ago a parcel was shipped to "Jerusalem, via Joppa." The universal Yankee clock may now be considered the fit representative of the Yankee nation, and appropriate device for her escutcheon.

The Editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, in looking through a little work, entitled the "Brewers' Manual," a publication intended exclusively for Brewers, finds it recommended to country dealers that when, as is often the case, ale becomes stale before more than half the barrel is out, he "can restore it to its original life and excellence by putting in from six to ten pounds of putrid horse flesh." Let ale drinkers make their own comments.

The editor of the New Orleans Picayune, speaking of a "model subscriber" to that paper, says: "We have on our subscription list the name of one gentleman, who has taken the Weekly Picayune ever since 1839, and has not once during that whole period, that we remember, found fault with the appearance or contents of the paper, or complained of being irregularly served by the mails. He paid his first year's subscription in advance, and has not paid anything since."

The Detroit Democrat, of Dec. 2d, the day the Maine law went into effect, says: "This is a great day for Detroit. The law is perfectly maintained everywhere, so far as we have been able to learn. Many who, a week ago, declared that they would not discontinue to sell, despite the law, have yielded to the majority of the sovereign people, and joined in efforts to enforce the law."

The bakers of Paris furnish bread at less than cost, the prices being fixed by Government, which is responsible to them for the difference between the real value and the government price. The difference for the month of September is said to have amounted to 736,736 francs—say \$150,000. The consumption of flour in Paris is stated to be 437,000 kilograms (about 5,000 barrels) a day.

They have an economic funeral Company in London, under "distinguished patronage." The following is the scale of prices adopted and advertised in the newspapers:

First-class funeral, with cortege of hearse and four horses; two coaches (pairs), plumes, shell, lead coffin, case, &c. £10 0 0
Gentleman's carriage funeral, 10 15 0
Tradesman's funeral, with hearse and pair and coach and pair, 6 6 0
Artisan's ditto, with separate carriages, 3 15 0

RELIGIOUS DISSENTION IN VIRGINIA.—The Christian Intelligencer says, there are ten contiguous counties in Virginia, containing on an average a population of seven thousand each, in which there is not a single Presbyterian minister; and though something has been done to meet their spiritual wants by the Baptist and Methodist denominations, a large proportion of the people are as sheep without a shepherd.

Iowa City has been growing at such a rapid rate, that building materials have got scarce, in that locality, and the consequence is that the progress of building lags for want of the lumber, though rents are exorbitant, and there is a great demand for houses for business and dwelling purposes.

The Archbishop of Fribourg has excommunicated the members of the Catholic Ecclesiastical Council appointed by the government, and also the government commissioner. The Regent has forbidden the clergy to pronounce the act of excommunication, and threatens the Archbishop with pains and penalties.

The building at the Dublin (Ireland) Exhibition, is converted into a promenade, with military bands performing. A small sum is charged for admission, and the building will be allowed to stand for some time if the receipts pay expenses.

The first auction sale of new fruit in N. York, this season, took place on Wednesday. The following are the prices paid: Smyrna figs, 1,200 drums at 13 1/2¢; 2 cases do. 22¢; 50 boxes do. 14¢; 100 boxes red raisins, 10¢; 150 boxes and kegs black do. 7 1/2¢.

The number of letters received and sent out of the New York post office, on Tuesday, was 198,807; newspapers 297,102. Total 495,909. This is the greatest day's work ever performed in the office.

THE BEST CORDIAL.—Harmless mirth is the best cordial against the consumption of the spirits; wherefore, jesting is not unlawful, if it trespasseth not in quantity, quality, or season.

St. Paul, Minnesota, with a population of 4,000, has forty lawyers and ten doctors—but is in great want of carpenters, cabinet-makers, painters, and watch-makers.

"Did you ever?"—An itemizer, at a late evening party, reports that one lady made use of the exclamation, "I thought I should have died!" one hundred and twenty-eight times, and she put the inquiry, "Did you ever?" one hundred and thirty-seven times.

TRANQUILITY.—That calm and elegant satisfaction which the vulgar call melancholy, and sometimes blue devils, is the true and proper delight of men of knowledge and virtue.

Those sewing machines are great inventions, said a friend to a wag. "Yes, sir," said he, "new it seems."

A proposition is pending in the South Carolina Legislature for appropriating \$30,000 towards the erection of a monument to the late Mr. Calhoun.

Considerable excitement is said to have prevailed among the politicians in Albany, last week, in consequence of the reported appointment by Collector Redfield of three ultra free-soilers as officers of the customs in that city.

Rev. Miss Antoinette Brown received one vote for Chaplain of the House of Representatives. We put this on record as the first step in that department of progress.

REVIEW OF THE MARKET.

For the Week ending Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The liver continues to recede, with scant five feet water in the channel hence to Louisville. The weather is clear and pleasant. At Pittsburgh there were three feet nine inches water in the channel, at noon yesterday.

FRIGHTS.—Prices have materially advanced, in consequence of the low stage of water. We quote: To New Orleans—Fruit 75¢, Whisky \$1 25, Pork \$1. Pound Freight 50¢. To Pittsburgh—Whisky \$1. Flour 75¢. Pound Freight 50¢. To St. Louis—Pound Freight 50¢.

ASHES.—Pots continue in fair demand, but prices favor buyers. We quote 4 1/2¢ for arrival, and 5 1/2¢ for stock. Pearls are in only moderate demand and 270 firkins and kegs.

CANDLES.—Owing to the decline in Lard, Star Candles have declined to 23¢. Tallow remains firm at 12 1/2¢ for common and pressed. Soap is steady at 15¢ for No. 1, and extra. Reported during the week 233 boxes Candles, and 100 do Soap.

CHEESE.—Prices being relatively lower in New Orleans than here, and Southern and Western freights being high, the demand has diminished, and prices are feeble, but no positive decline has taken place in the price of prime summer made, though good fall made is obtainable at slightly lower rates. The sales as far as reported, comprised 2000 boxes at 5¢ for prime W. R. and 11 to 12 for English dairy. Received during the week 11,550 boxes; exported same time 2990 do.

COFFEE.—The trade has not exhibited any animation during the week, but the market is firm at 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 for common to prime Rio in lots and 13 to 15 in the small way. The sales, as far as reported, comprised 900 bags. Received during the week 622 bags; exported same time 1000 do.

COAL.—Youghiogheny and similar qualities are still retreating at 10¢, but prices have an upward tendency.

COTTON.—The receipts have continued light and stocks are meagre, and no change in this respect need be looked for until river navigation improves. The mills in this section are about to resume operations, and in Pittsburgh the mills are going into operation, most of them with increased facilities and appearances indicate that the consumption the ensuing season will be large. Prices average from 8 to 10 1/2 for superior to strictly good middling. Received during the week 715 bales, since September 1st, 773 do, and 2000 to correspond to date last year.

COTTON YARNS.—The demand continues quite moderate, and sales are made in the regular way only, to the trade at 10¢ to 11¢ for assorted No.

CRANBERRIES.—The market is rather dull, and prices are lower. We quote \$5 10 to \$5 15 per barrel, though for prime in lots of any magnitude nothing over 40¢ is attainable.

CUOPERAGE.—Prices are generally lower, with increased supplies. We quote four barrels 40¢, pork do \$1 10; whisky do, 1 10; and lard kegs, 50¢. Since writing the above we have heard of several sales of Pork bbls at \$1 00, which may be considered as the current rate.

DRUGS, ETC.—There is a continued fair business doing in this department, but in prices there is no change.

FISH.—Mackerel continues very dull, there being no demand for lots, and the retail trade purchasing very sparingly. We quote \$1 1/2 to \$1 3/4 for medium 3's; \$1 1/2 for small 2's; and \$1 1/2 to \$1 3/4 for medium and large 1's. Dry Cod 3 1/2 to 4¢. White Fish, 30¢ for half bbl, which are the only sized packages in market. Received during the week 244 bbls, and 21 kegs and kits of all descriptions.

FRUIT.—The receipts of green Apples continue liberal, and the supplies greatly exceed the demand, and prices are depressed. We quote 15¢ to 16¢ per bushel as the range. Dried Apples, owing to increased supplies and unfavorable advices from the East, have declined, and the market closes dull at 90¢ to 1¢ bush. Peaches range from \$1 40 to 1 50—the latter for choice halves. Received during the week 3,410 bush Peaches and Apples. No Lemons or Oranges in market. M. R. Raisins \$3 50, and Cluster do \$2 25 per box. In other descriptions of Foreign fruit, there is no change. Peanuts are dull at 10¢ to 11¢ bushel from first hands.

FLOUR.—The market closed dull on last Tuesday, and owing to the unfavorable advices from Europe, a similar feeling has characterized the trade during the past week. On Wednesday, no sales transpired. Thursday, 450 bbls sold at \$5 25; 150 do at \$5 25; 350 do at \$5 25; Friday, 200 bbls at \$5 15; 110 do at \$5 15; 135 do at \$5 15; 22 do at \$5 10. Saturday, 1000 bush Peaches lined and delivered. Monday, 200 bbls at \$5 25, and 100 do at \$5 15. Yesterday, the market gave way farther under the Arctic news. The sales comprised 50 bbls at \$5 10, delivered; 500 do at \$5 25; 70 do at \$5 10, and 510 do from R. R. at \$5 10. The goods from New York are more favorable, there being a large export demand, and towards the close we noticed rather more disposition to buy at the reduced figure, but the high rates of freight, and the discouraging news from New Orleans tend to keep the speculator or shipping demand in check. Buckwheat Flour ranges from \$2 75 to \$3 per 100 lbs, varying according to quality.

FRUIT.—Prices have declined to 40¢ for prime live geese.

GAIN.—Wheat remains at \$1 per bushel. Corn is in good demand at 25 to 40¢ for yellow, and 40 to 45¢ for white. Dates etc. Barley 50 to 55¢, on arrival. Rye 60¢. White Beans 75¢ to \$1 25 per bushel. Received during the week—9,025 bushels Barley; 1,313 do Beans; 3,167 do Corn; 1,701 do Oats; 228 do Rye; 11,800 do Wheat.

HICKING.—Prices have declined to 20¢ per bushel.

GUNNY BAGS.—New are held at 10¢, but buyers do not offer over 12¢. Second-hand in good order bring 10¢.

GRASS.—Is unchanged, the market continuing moderate at \$2 75 for 8x10 country brands.

HAY.—The retail market is more amply supplied, and prices are somewhat lower. We quote \$1 40 to \$1 75 per ton for loose. Railed from river remains \$1 25 to \$1 50 per ton.

HOGS AND CATTLE.—Prices of Hogs fluctuated but little during the week, and the bulk of the sales have been within the range of the closing rates of last Tuesday, viz \$4 25 to \$4 35. Packers have operated rather more freely, though they still generally move cautiously, and several heavy houses have, as yet, done little or nothing. The demand, however, throughout has been equal to the supply. The sales as far as reported to us comprised: On Wednesday, 300 at \$4 25; 1500 do at \$4 25; 300 do at \$4 25. Thursday, 1500 at \$4 25; 400 at \$4 25; 1000 do at \$4 25; 1000 do at \$4 25. Friday, 1500 at \$4 25; 1000 at \$4 25; 180 dividing on 300 at \$4 10; 400 at \$4 25. Saturday, 1150 at \$4 25; 400 at \$4 25; 500 at \$4 25. Monday, 580 at \$4 25; 1200 at \$4 25; 1500 at \$4 30; and 200 at \$4 30. Yesterday 1000 at \$4 25; 400 and 300 at \$4 30. Monday and yesterday the offerings were better, and prices were a shade easier, though no quotable change could be noted, and the prevailing rates at close were \$4 25 to \$4 30. In Beef Cattle packers have done but little. The supply has been tight, and the market is firm at \$5 to \$6 per 100 lbs net—the latter for prime Cattle.

HIDE.—The demand has fallen off materially, several factories, which draw much of their supplies from this market, having suspended operations for the present, but stocks being light, prices are firm, at \$1 15 to \$1 18 for Kentucky dew-rotted, and \$1 35 for Missouri, but a small lot of Kentucky was reported at \$1 25. Received during the week—100 bbls and bales.

HOPS. are in moderate request only. In prices there is no change. We quote Indiana 50¢ to 60¢; Eastern 45¢ and New York 50¢. Received during the week 11,000.

IRON.—The demand for Pig Metal has continued fair, and about equal to the supply, and prices are steady at \$48 to \$50, for Ohio river hot blast. We heard of no sales of Tennessee. Blooms are held at \$85 per ton. Bars remain at 55¢, and 40¢ for common and second quality. Received during the week 1225 tons Pig Metal.

LEAD.—There is but a very limited business doing at 7¢ for Pig, and 7 1/2¢ for Bar. Received during the week 1500.

MOLASSES.—The demand has been confined to small lots during the week, and at prices ranging from 24 to 25 for new and 21 to 22 for old. In the large way prices are nominal. The imports the past week were 733 bbls, and from the 1st of September 1780 do, against 507 do the same time last year. The quotations for Syrup from the city Refinery are the same as last noted.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits Turpentine is in moderate demand at 70¢ to 75¢. There is an increase in the arrivals of Tar, and the market dull at \$3 50 for small bbls and \$4 25 for large do do. Arrivals in the small way we quote \$4 25 for both sides. Pitch is worth \$3 50 to \$4 and Rosin \$3 25 for common.

NAILS.—The market has undergone no change, the demand continuing fair, and prices steady at \$4 50 for 4 1/2 for 2x10, and corresponding prices for other sizes.

Oil.—The demand for Linseed has continued on quite a moderate scale. The few lots that arrived by canal, amounting altogether to about 60 bbls, sold at 70¢ to 75¢, and from store the sales in the regular way have been at 72¢. Holders of city mills are retaining their stocks in anticipation of an advance. Lead is in moderate request at 7¢ for No 1, and 6 1/2¢ for No 2. Red Oil is held at 60¢, and Tallow do at 50¢.

PROVISIONS.—The market has again presented a dull and heavy appearance during the week, though, during the last three days, a slightly improved demand was observable, still, the trade is devoid of animation. Prices of the miscellaneous articles are all relatively lower than last week, but, at the same time, the former are relatively higher here than in any other market; and there seems to be no prospect of a change, in this respect, until something approaching to certainty is known with reference to the Hog crop. Of barrel Pork, the only sale reported was 1000 bbls Mess, deliverable 15th January, at \$11 50. We quote Hump 87, Mess \$11 50, and Clear \$12 50, though it would be difficult to buy or sell to any great extent at these figures, both parties being disposed to hold off. Of Dry Salted Meat, 3500-pcs Shoulders sold at 4 1/2¢, 1000 pcs do at 4¢, loins, 4000 do sides at 5¢, 1000 do (slap) Sides at 4 1/2¢, lower in addition to which, some other sales were made (particulars not transcribed), at 4 and 5¢ for Shoulders and Sides; and the demand, as already remarked, is limited; and this is particularly true of Shoulders, sides being rather more in favor, owing to some demand that has existed for the English market. Of Green Meat, the sales have been to a moderate extent only, at 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 for Sides and Shoulders, and 4¢ to 4 1/2 for Ham, closing at 4 1/2 for Sides, 3 1/2 for Shoulders, and 4¢ to 4 1/2 for Ham; offerings of the former, at close, exceeding the demand; but Hams were in fair request. Sales of 100,000 lbs clear Sides, from block, at 5 1/2¢; and yesterday there was a transaction of equal amount, but we did not learn the particulars. Some purchases were made of long middles for the English market, but the particulars did not transpire. The business in Lard has been somewhat restricted, buyers contending for a decline, which holders were unwilling to yield. The sales comprised about 1800 bbls No 1 at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 and 5 to 7 1/2; buyers furnishing scales, closing, with only a limited demand, at 6¢ or 6 1/2 or 6 3/4 or 6 1/2. The high freight check the market.

RICE.—The market is dull at 4 1/2¢ for old, in lots, with sales in the small way at 4 1/2¢ to 4 3/4¢. No rice received.

SUGAR.—There has been a fair though only a moderate demand during the week at prices ranging from 6¢ to 4 1/2¢ for common to good fair, and 6¢ for prime. The imports during the week were 1771 bbls, and since the first of September 4,451 do, against 2,715 do, the same time last year. The exports for the week were 568 bbls.

STEARINE.—Prices are lower, and we now quote 5 1/2¢ to 6¢ as the range.

SEED.—The demand for Clover is limited, and the market is dull at \$5 50. No change in other descriptions.

RAFF.—The demand for Kanawha has kept up fully with the supply, and the market remains firm at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 for river and yard. Turkeys are held at 60¢ to 65¢, but it does not sell readily at the inside figure, though it is not to be had to any extent below the latter quotation. The stock is held by three parties. Received during the week 3844 ducks; exported same time, 1290 bbls and 2155 sacks.

TALLOW.—Rendered is in good demand at 9 1/2 to 10¢, at which rates the market is firm, and the article is held in some instances at 10¢. Chandlers are buying freely at our quotations. Received during the week, 27 bbls; exported same time, 110 do.

A sale, since writing the above, of 50 turkeys at 10¢, at which the Butchers' Association are now firm.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes are in good demand on receipt, at 4 1/2¢ bushel for prime. Onions sell from \$1 to \$1 15 to \$1 25 per bbl. Turnips dull at 25¢ bushel.

WOOL.—The market remains quiet and heavy, but in prices there is no quotable change.

Common.....35¢ to 37¢
Medium.....37¢ to 39¢
No 1.....39¢ to 40¢
No 2.....40¢ to 41¢
Full Blood.....41¢ to 42¢
Extra Clip.....42¢ to 43¢
Unwashed.....43¢ to 44¢

HOG MARKET.

Hogs.—The market is dull. We hear of sales of 600 head at \$4 25; \$4 25 to \$4 30 is freely offered. For very heavy corn-fed \$4 40 is asked, which packers are, however, unwilling to give. We quote, to embrace the range of the market, \$4 25 to \$4 40 usually.—Louisville Journal, 1904.

Hogs at Indianapolis, on Friday, were quoted at 3 1/2 to 4 net, with a downward tendency.

The Owensboro Gazette quotes the price of hogs there at \$3 50 net.

The St. Louis News, of Thursday evening, says: We hear of a number of small lots selling at \$4, and a contract for 1,000 head to arrive, at the same figure. A majority of the packers are doing nothing as yet, waiting for hogs.

Hocks.—We hear of several purchases of lots for future delivery at \$4. Price for those on the hook and in the pens is arranged between the parties on delivery.

O'Neill, Bayley & Co. have purchased four thousand head in Decatur county, which will be conveyed over the railroad to Lawrenceburg, and thence thence to this city.—Mad. (Ind.) Courier, Dec. 7th.

A legal definition of a "fast man" was given in the trial of Bennett, for a libel on Fry, in one of the courts of New York. Sam. A. Snydam, who enjoys the reputation of being a "fast man," says, in answer to a question, that the phrase means "a man who has more money than time to spend it in."

We learn from the Lexington Observer, that the receipts of the Lexington and Frankfort railroad for the month of November were, in round numbers, \$14,000—exceeding the estimates of the officers by about \$2,000, and the receipts of the same month of last year by about \$5,500.

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Administrators Notice.

THE undersigned has been appointed Administrator to the estate of Abram Kelly, late of Hamilton county, deceased. Persons having claims against said estate, will present them, legally proven, within the time required by law.

S. F. CARY.
College Hill, Dec. 13th, 1853.